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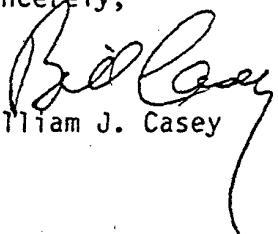
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Dear [redacted]

It is nice to hear from you and I am pleased to learn you are retaining your interest in establishing an intelligence museum. The trustees of the newly formed William J. Donovan Foundation are interested in this project, and I suggest you get in touch with Henry Hyde or Geoffrey Jones. Mr. Hyde's telephone number is (212) 628-8480 and Mr. Jones' number is (212) 628-3100.

I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter along to Henry Hyde.

Sincerely,

  
William J. Casey

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President, National Historical  
Intelligence Museum

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CHRONOLOGY OF PROPOSED INTELLIGENCE MUSEUM

- 1969 DCI Helms considered but finally dropped a suggestion to locate a museum at the Smithsonian.
- 1972 DCI Colby established an Intelligence Museum Commission of Agency officers to establish a program for conserving and exhibiting materials. Commission met once but no program developed.
- 1976 DCI Bush considered a nonprofit, private museum and asked the Management Committee to consider it. No record it ever did.
- 1977 DCI Bush turned aside a request from [ ] to serve on an Advisory Board to a museum [ ] was promoting. STAT  
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- 1979 [ ] representing the National Intelligence Study Center, came to CIA Public Affairs to solicit help in obtaining U.S. Government funds and other assistance for the purpose of establishing a museum. Public Affairs determined funds could not be made available and CIA cooperation on displays encountered security problems. DCI Turner determined CIA should not be part of project. STAT
- 1979 [ ] sought AFIO assistance but was rebuffed. STAT
- 1982 [ ] cut loose from NISC attachment, has contacted DCI and DDCI for support using John Bross as entre. His position has not changed. He wants Government funds, space, and people. STAT
- 1982 AFIO reviewed again and has no interest.

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